



# Oakfield School

**Welcome** to issue 11 of the Oakfield School newsletter. At the time of writing, the exam season is underway for Year 11 students. Other areas of the school are busy with a wide range of activities.

## Extended Days

At the start of the Summer term, the extended days LEAP provision transferred from the residential area into school. It is now simply known as Extended Days (ED). Since the relaunch, the number of students accessing the evenings has grown, with more on a waiting list. Activities during the last few weeks have included metal detecting, a trip to Beverley, indoor hockey and mountain biking. The students attending are fed home-cooked food made by our kitchen maestro Brian, ably assisted by Claire. The food is proving a bit hit for students and staff alike!



## Library

Reading is a great activity for pupils to enjoy which is also vitally important to their progress as a learner. Oakfield School is proud to introduce a school library for the beginning of the Summer term 2022. We can offer both fiction and non-fiction, each covering a wide range of interests and reading abilities. We'd like all the pupils to have the very best opportunity to make the most of what our library has to offer. Students will be allowed to borrow one book at a time. Each book can be borrowed for a maximum of 21 days, but we encourage students to exchange their books more often to encourage good library habits and so that they can enjoy a wide variety of reading material.



## Science

KS3 have been learning about how their muscles and skeletons interact to help support them and allow them to move. We dissected chicken wings to investigate this further and compare the chickens bone structure to ours. (the photos are a bit gross!)



## Art

Recently, two year 7 pupils visited the Guildhall to meet the Lord Mayor. The students participated in an art competition earlier in the month, and had been asked to create a piece of work that illustrated Neurodiversity. The piece of art came joint 1<sup>st</sup> place. (Out of 200 entries!) The Guildhall trip was a part of their prize....an afternoon tea with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall in one of the banqueting rooms and a check for £75. Both Pupils and staff were announced to the Lord Mayor and had their names written in the official registrar. Their behaviour was excellent as was their attitude and positivity. They were excellent role models for the school.





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## Flu

Public Health England are **not** providing the Nasal Flu Spray vaccine at school for children in years 7-11 this flu season, if your child usually has a Nasal Flu Spray due to medical reasons, please contact your child's GP direct from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 onwards to organise vaccination.

## Design and Technology

### KS3

Year 7 students have recently been working on perfecting their design and workshop skills, using some of our heavy machinery and some hand tools to create some fabulous Blockbots.

Year 8 have been using the theme of Pop Art to design funky photo frames using acrylic and CAD/CAM.

### KS4

Students have been studying Memphis this term and have created some outstanding furniture pieces!



## Outdoor Education

The main activity this term has been canoeing. Pupils are working towards their British Canoeing Paddle Awards. For this, pupils need to use a variety of paddle strokes to control their craft. The aim is to complete a trip on the River Hull. In order to build skills and confidence, students have been playing some games on the water. They have also been responsible for organising their own kit to foster independence.



## Residential

Some significant changes have happened over the course of the half term in residential with Hawthorn and Pine house now joining together for a short period before we break up for the 6-week holidays.

The focus has been the continued planning of double activities. The recent nature walk was enjoyed by all. Pupils managed a 4 mile walk on the Yorkshire Wolds Way. It was great for both staff and pupils to spend time learning about nature whilst building significant relationships. Staff have organised local beach trips and even had a BBQ tea on the beach! Other activities such as bowling and skateboarding have been a hit with the pupils whilst independent activities with some of our older pupils have become very successful.

The continued planning and organising of independent activities allows the older pupils in residential the opportunity to explore the local area whilst gathering information which will be useful in the coming years. All pupils have excelled with their behaviour in this aspect and deserve tremendous credit!

Residential continues to support pupils with their education and have effectively planned personal learning programmes for children who require alternative education. The individual programmes being developed are constantly evolving which shows that the relationships are continuing to grow and that our pupils are continuing to thrive!